

included two separate 6.4 and 7.1 magnitude earthquakes that did an estimated \$3 billion of damage in the City and to the surrounding communities of Eastern Kern County, including Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake. Peggy sprang into action right away to help the residents of her community, working tirelessly with State and Federal officials to ensure that buildings and infrastructure were safe and that residents had access to food, shelter, and water immediately following the natural disaster. In the aftermath of the earthquakes, Peggy successfully worked to ensure that the President of the United States declared a Major Disaster, which opened Federal assistance programs and funding for displaced homeowners, renters, and businessowners so life could return to normal as quickly as possible.

However, the earthquakes were not the only major challenge Peggy helped guide Ridgecrest through. This past year, she led the City through the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, working with the City Council and residents of the community to make sure that the City remained financially sound so it could continue operations, despite the economic downturn from various stay-at-home orders. Peggy also worked hard to ensure that negotiations between the city and the U.S. Navy remained on track to build a new wastewater treatment plant on NAWS China Lake to serve both the interests of the Navy and Ridgecrest. This project has seen its ups and downs over the years, but her steadfast commitment to it set the stage to help ensure it will come to fruition.

While her achievements as Mayor may have made headlines, Peggy's tenure as Mayor is best defined by the everyday interactions she has with the people of Ridgecrest. Through devastating earthquakes and a rapidly spreading virus, to working to address sustainable groundwater policies and supporting the mutual interests of China Lake and Ridgecrest, Ridgecrest residents have always been able to count on Peggy to have their back.

It has been an honor to work alongside Mayor Peggy Breeden over the past six years while she served in elected office for Ridgecrest, and I am proud to count her as a friend. I cannot thank her enough for her work in our community over the years. On behalf of the Ridgecrest community and the 23rd Congressional District, I want to wish her the best as she leaves public service and begins the next chapter of her life.

HONORING SARA BONNEY AS
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, this week, many of us took the opportunity to observe Giving Tuesday by contributing to nonprofit organizations that support those in need and help us build a better community.

Since 2012, Giving Tuesday has stood as a reminder to each of us to do good and to give what we can to help others in more need than ourselves. I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring an exceptional Iowan who exemplifies the charitable

spirit of the people in central and southwest Iowa. Sara Bonney is the Chief Marketing Officer at the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines. Over the last 7 years, Sara has done incredible work to promote the mission of the Community Foundation and make meaningful connections between donors and nonprofit organizations in the Des Moines area.

Like many Iowans, Sara grew up on a farm in rural Iowa. Her parents were active members in their community, constantly finding ways to give back and volunteer their time. Sara's parents believed everybody has their own gifts—and that it is their responsibility to use those gifts for giving back to others. This is a value that Sara has carried with her and inspired her to pursue a career in nonprofit work and charitable giving.

The Community Foundation of Great Des Moines has worked with donors and nonprofits in the Des Moines metro area for over 50 years. The Community Foundation has established countless giving funds and grants to support projects and organizations which have addressed their critical needs—spanning from education, fine arts, immigration and health care amongst so many others.

Over the last year, Sara and her team identified an opportunity to make it easier for donors and nonprofits to connect in a way that would produce more impactful contributions. That led to revamping their website givedsm.org. This website works with nonprofits to list their specific needs. In turn, donors can access their lists, find organizations that align with their values, and make contributions that will have greater impacts on the recipients.

Givedsm.org is just one of the many projects Sara has worked on in the last 7 years. When asked what inspires her to continue doing her work, Sara cites her amazement at the charitable nature of Iowans. Over the last year, thousands of Iowans have faced extreme hardships due to coronavirus. One might think this would negatively impact the number of contributions received on givedsm.org. However, the Community Foundation has seen an exponential increase in the number of donations they have received through the website.

As Sara likes to say: when Iowans rise, we rise together.

Sara's extraordinary commitment to supporting nonprofits in our community has wide-reaching impacts on people in all walks of life. A lifelong Iowan, Sara hopes her work continues to make Iowa a better home for generations to come.

We are incredibly fortunate to have people like Sara in Iowa's Third District. It is my honor to recognize her as our Iowan of the Week.

HONORING THE CAREER OF RON
LOMBARD

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Ron Lombard, as he retires after nearly 40 years in Central New York news.

Ron is giant in local media. A key player in developing the region's first 24-hour news sta-

tion, he helped revolutionize the way Central New Yorkers get their news, and throughout his career has inspired and mentored some of the region's most celebrated reporters and media professionals.

Ron Lombard grew up in Central New York and graduated from Solvay High School before going on to study at Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications. After graduating in 1981, he began his career working as a reporter for WCBA in Corning, and in Central New York at WFBL, WSEN, and WSYR. Eventually, Ron secured a position at WSYR as the Assignment Editor, and later, at the age of 31, began working at WIXT-TV as the News Director.

In 2002, Ron took over as News Director at Time Warner Cable as the company embarked on an ambitious project: launching a 24-hour news channel in Syracuse. Ron was instrumental in the development and direction of the station, working long hours to make this dream a reality. In 2003, in recognition of this work, Ron was given the honor of pushing the button to bring the new station to air. Since its debut, Time Warner Cable, now Spectrum News, has become one of the most trusted and reliable sources of news for Central New York, providing around-the-clock coverage to a market that has more than 600,000 subscribers. Under his leadership, Ron guided the news team through periods of rapid growth and change, all while upholding the station's commitment to accuracy. Ron oversaw and helped professionally support a staff of over 70 photographers, reporters, assignment desk editors, and producers.

Outside of work, Ron is dedicating to giving back to his hometown. He is deeply involved with the Brewerton United Methodist Church, and for many years served on the boards of Leadership Greater Syracuse and the McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center, which supports children who have suffered from abuse. He is a proud husband to his wife Deb and father to his daughter, Abby.

At Spectrum News and throughout his career, Ron has been known for his outstanding work ethic, impeccable reputation, and commitment to mentoring the next generation of reporters and media professionals. His impact is far-reaching and will be celebrated for years to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the distinguished career of Ron Lombard. A revolutionary figure in Central New York news, I wish Ron Lombard the best in his retirement.

HONORING CORAL ERIKSEN, THE
OWNER OF CORAL'S CORNER
AND CONES OF CAMBRIDGE, NEW
YORK, FOR HER EXEMPLARY EN-
TREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Coral Eriksen, owner of Coral's Corner and Cones, for her exceptional entrepreneurial spirit and her dedication to community service.

Coral's Corner and Cones is a greenhouse nursery, owned and operated by high school

entrepreneur, Coral. I recently had the pleasure of touring Coral's Corner, where I witnessed the hard work that Coral puts into growing and selling her products while balancing her academic responsibilities. Through collection and recycling of gardening products, partnerships with other local vendors, and customer-appreciation events, Coral has established her business as a generous and compassionate figure in the community. Coral's Corner has been in business for just over a year and has expanded to an additional location in response to strong community interest.

Businesses like Coral's Corner are vital to the economic livelihood of the North Country. Entrepreneurship drives job growth and sustainability and creates the opportunity for individuals to turn passions into careers. Coral's drive to pursue her passion from a young age makes her a tremendous role model for both her peers and adults. Her commitment to growing and selling quality products while also giving back to her community reflects exemplary professionalism and maturity.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Coral for her entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to her community, and I congratulate Coral's Corner and Cones on a successful first year in business.

TRIBUTE TO S.R. "AL" LOPEZ

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and congratulate Director S.R. "Al" Lopez for his nearly two decades of dedicated service to Western Municipal Water District (Western). I have had the pleasure of knowing Al for decades, and while his service on the Western Board is coming to a close this month, I know he will continue to be a leader in our community.

After serving as a Council Member on the Corona City Council from 1982 to 1994, Al was first elected and joined Western's Board of Directors in January of 2001. He represents Division 5, which includes my hometown of Corona, Home Gardens, El Cerrito, and a portion of Temescal Canyon.

Al has been an active community partner throughout his service on the board. He represented Western on committees for several agencies, including the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority; the Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council; and the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority Liability Committee. In addition, Al served as Western's alternate representative for the Santa Rosa Regional Resources Authority Committee and the Joint Inland-Orange County Caucuses. His leadership in the region includes membership on Western's Finance Committee and his roles on the joint committees of Western and Elsinore Valley Municipal Water Districts.

Al is a great American, a veteran, a true public servant, and a friend. I want to join our entire region in thanking Al for his many years of dedicated service and I wish him the very best in his next chapter.

CELEBRATING LIEUTENANT COLONEL PATRICK BAKER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize American patriot Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Patrick Josh Baker on the occasion of his retirement from the Army. America is more secure thanks to LTC Baker's dedicated service, Alabama's 5th District is proud of LTC Baker, and I extend my sincere gratitude to him and his family for their many sacrifices over his twenty-one year Army career.

LTC Baker received his Bachelor's Degree in Aviation Management at Auburn University in 1999. Following graduation, he completed Initial Entry Rotary Winged Training at Fort Rucker, Alabama. LTC Baker was later assigned to the 101st Airborne Division as an Attack Platoon Leader in 2-101 Attack Reconnaissance Battalion (ARB).

In 2003, LTC Baker was deployed to support Operation Iraqi Freedom 1 (OIF) as a Platoon Leader and Liaison Officer. Upon re-deployment from OIF 1, he attended the Army Aviation Captain's Career Course and Maintenance Managers program. Later, in OIF 06-08, LTC Baker served as the Company Commander in the C/1-227th and D/1-227th ARB.

After "The Surge" in Baghdad, LTC Baker transferred to the Army Acquisition Corps, where he served as an Executive Officer in the Executive Office for Aviation. In 2013, LTC Baker received his MBA in Systems Acquisition Management from the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California.

From 2013 to 2016, LTC Baker served as the Army Aviation Program's Legislative Liaison for the House and Senate Armed Services Committees. Afterward, he trained with Industry Fellows assigned to General Dynamics Land Systems in Michigan. Finally, LTC Baker settled in Huntsville, AL where he has served as the Product Lead for Joint Attack Munition Systems (JAMS) since 2017.

Throughout his career, LTC Baker has been the recipient of many awards and decorations. A sampling of these are: The Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Combat Action. Airborne, Air Assault and Senior Army Aviation badges.

Madam Speaker, LTC Patrick Josh Baker has unceasingly provided the highest standards of commitment to duty. His service to our great country is a true gift to the American people.

I wish LTC Patrick Josh Baker and his family the very best as he ends his twenty-one years of service in the U.S. Army.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION

HON. DAVID P. JOYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 50th anniversary of

the Emergency Nurses Association. Comprised of 51,000 members worldwide, the Emergency Nurses Association, or ENA, is the only professional organization dedicated to advancing excellence in emergency nursing.

Founded in 1970, ENA has become the world's premier organization for emergency nurses. It was originally established to set standards for best practices in emergency nursing care and has since worked to provide both continuing education programs and a representative voice for emergency nurses.

ENA has successfully raised awareness and improved outcomes for our nation's trauma patients. Sadly, traumatic injuries such as head injuries, burns, and those resulting from car crashes, falls, and firearms are currently the leading cause of death for Americans aged 44 years or younger. ENA offers courses for emergency nurses that provide them with the knowledge, skills, and hands-on training needed to deliver high-quality trauma care. Since its inception in 1986, ENA's critical trauma nursing core course has been taken by more than one million emergency nurses and is now considered the gold standard for the education of nurses in lifesaving trauma care techniques.

ENA's advocacy for the recently enacted Military Injury Surgical Systems Integrated Operationally Nationwide to Achieve ZERO Preventable Deaths Act, known as the MISION ZERO Act, has led to the creation of an innovative program allowing military trauma teams and professionals to work in civilian trauma centers to ensure the highest quality trauma care in both peace and war.

Last but certainly not least, ENA also effectively raises awareness about workplace violence directed towards emergency nurses and other emergency department personnel. It has advocated at both the State and Federal level to enact laws that hold those who assault healthcare workers in hospitals accountable for their actions.

As Co-Chair of the Congressional Nursing Caucus, I ask our colleagues to join me in congratulating the Emergency Nurses Association on its 50th anniversary and extending our gratitude to its members for their commitment to improving the quality of emergency care which has helped save the lives of millions of Americans.

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. ROSIE LEE ATCHISON

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, to live to become 109 years old in this country or any country is quite a feat. Such has been the life and legacy of Mrs. Rosie Atchison who was born on August 15th, 1911 in Bolivar Mississippi and passed away on November 23rd, 2020. Her birth mother passed away when Rosie was just six weeks old and she was taken into the care of her father Mr. Henry Liner who raised her as the 2nd oldest of 27 children whom he fathered.

Rosie grew up in Clarksdale, Mississippi where she lived a typical life for blacks in that area, she worked the fields, went to church, got married had two children, lost a child, got